

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 in response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 29, 2004. All objections and rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 44, 46, 48-57, 59-65, 67-69, 72-89, 98-100, 102-104, and 106-109 are in the case.

Claims 44, 46, 48-54, 57, 59-60, 67-69, 72-77, 81, 85-87, 99-100, 102-104, and 106-109 have been amended to better claim the invention.

Claims 1-3, 9, 11-12, 15-18, 20-21, 23, 26-27, 29-32, 45, 58, 66, 70-71, 90-97, 101, 105, and 110 have been cancelled without prejudice.

At paragraph 8 of the Final Office Action, claims 44, 52, 55-56, 61-65, 78-89, 98-99, 102-103, and 106-107 were allowed. Remaining claims 46, 48-51, 53-54, 57, 59-60, 67-69, 72-77, 81, 85-87, 99-100, 102-104, and 106-109 have been amended to correct their dependency to be dependent from allowed independent claims.

All independent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

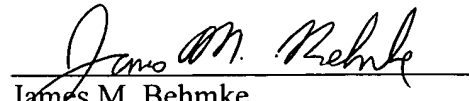
All dependent claims are believed to be dependent from allowable independent claims, and therefore in condition for allowance.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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